



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
Jane Swift, Governor ♦ Jane Wallis Gumble, Director

Executive Order 418
Housing Certification *For* Fiscal Year 2002

Date

Dear Mayor/Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to send you the Housing Certification application for the second year of implementation of Executive Order 418. Executive Order 418 and the Housing Certification process give priority to communities taking steps to address the housing shortage in the Commonwealth. This includes receiving priority status for discretionary state programs administered by the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Department of Economic Development, and the Department of Housing and Community Development. A listing of state discretionary grant programs covered by this Executive Order is attached.

The first year of implementation of the Executive Order has been very successful. As of June 1, 2001 196 cities and towns have received their designation as housing certified. Communities receive certification by expanding housing in their communities and/or taking steps in planning, removing barriers and creating a positive atmosphere for housing development.

In this second year, covering the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, communities that increase housing units that are affordable to a broad range of incomes and/or complete fourteen proactive activities can achieve certification. Please note that the application form has been retooled and expanded based on the experiences of the first year of implementation. The numbers of answers that can be provided have increased to 36. Some answers may receive multiple points. Helpful hints are now included as you prepare your application.

Attached are *Instructions for Completing EO 418 FY 2002 Request for Housing Certification and Application*. Applications for certification for Year 2- July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 -will be accepted by this agency immediately. They may be submitted by e-mail, fax or regular mail. Visit our Executive Order 418 website at www.state.ma.us/dhcd/eo418/ for on-line forms and instructions.

If you have any questions about Executive Order 418, please contact Ann Whittaker at (617) 727-7001, ext. 401. We look forward to working with you on implementation of EO 418.

Sincerely,

Jane Wallis Gumble
Director

Enclosures

cc: Planning Board (without enclosures)

Town Managers/Administrators (without enclosures)